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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

JIN, et al.

Group Art Unit:

Application No.: New Application

Examiner:

Filed: May 24, 2001

Attorney Dkt. No.: 100967-00011

For: SKIN CANCER PREVENTIVE AGENT

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: May 24, 2001

Sir:

Prior to initial examination of the application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 3 as follows:

3. (Amended) The skin cancer preventive agent according to claim 1 wherein, the weight average molecular weight of sericin is from 5,000 to 100,000.

Please add claim 4: *B*

4. (New) The skin cancer preventive agent according to claim 2 wherein, the weight average molecular weight of sericin is from 5,000 to 100,000.

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